THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) There was delay in dispatch of cards to some customers due to delay in receipt of cards from the manufacturers. However, the backlog has since been cleared. Also wherever any defects in the cards were brought to the notice of BPCL, the same were rectified.

Card No. 7241760110390864 has been received from the customer for replacement as it had a defect in the software. A new card is being sent to the customer along with a complimentary credit of 500 Petromiles (Points) for the inconvenience caused to the customer.

No Card bearing No. 7241763110345761 has been issued.

(b) The reasons for the defective cards have since been identified and rectified. Complimentary credit of Petromiles (Points) are being provided to customers if inordinate delay in the dispatch of the rectified cards had occurred.

Rise in international crude oil vis-a-vis domestic oil prices

3959. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has been giving assurances repeatedly that there will be no need to raise domestic prices of petro-goods inspite of increasing international crude prices; and

(b) if so, the details of corrective measures taken to tide over the impact of rising international crude price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

New National Energy Policy

3960. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national energy policy in view of rising global prices of crude oil following an Iraqi decision to stop sales;

(b) if so, whether the demand of gas and oil in the country has been increasing continuously;

(c) if so, the details of the alternative strategies to be adopted to curtail consumption of oil and gas; and

(d) whether Government propose to seek help from the developed countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) An Energy Policy Committee has been set up in the Planning Commission to formulate an Energy Policy for the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), set up under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, undertakes schemes and programmes that help avoiding wasteful consumption and for promotion of conservation of petroleum products. These include awareness compaigns, training programmes in the transport sector, introduction of efficient boilers, furnaces and other oil operated equipments in the industrial sector, rectification of existing pumps to make them more energy efficient in the agriculture sector, development and promotion of fuel efficient equipments and appliances like kerosene and LPG stove in the household sector etc.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of Government.

Allocation of petrol pumps to permanently disabled soldiers

3961. SHRI DAWA LAMA : Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the families of Kargil Martyrs have already been allotted with petrol pumps/gas agency;

(b) whether Government will extend such facilities to the permanently disabled soldiers of Operation Vijay ; and

(c) if so, the time-frame thereof?